

SAILOR ACCUSED OF RUECKERT MURDER

Hoboken Police Not Sure, but Find Discrepancies in Alibi He Offers.

William Schlager, the former German sailor, who was brought to Hoboken from Youngstown, Ohio, Saturday in connection with the murder of Frederick E. Rueckert, vice-president of the White Metal Manufacturing Company, who was killed in his apartment in Hoboken on May 9, was arraigned and held for Rueckert's murder yesterday.

jection, and was remanded until Thursday. Kiely promised the court that on that day he will make known all the evidence in his possession which points to Schlager.

The Hoboken police admitted yesterday that the main reason why they have charged Schlager with murder is because they have discovered many discrepancies between stories he had told and the actual state of facts. He first was sought by them because his wife gave them the information that he had left home hurriedly right after the murder and seemed uneasy. Then they began to look up his friends.

They found that he was well known along the water front and was one of a number of interned German sailors who gave trouble to the police all during the war. He had various aliases, such as "Red Berlin" and "Berlin Willie," and was acquainted with Rueckert's valet, August Hothan. They decided to arrest him after Hothan told them Schlager often had asked him how Rueckert lived and how much money he had. They learned he was at Youngstown through a letter he wrote home.

Schlager told the police with great circumstantiality of his movements before and since the murder and gave the

names of men he met and places where he stopped. Some of the men told the police he had not met them, and at various places he said he visited no one could recall seeing him. Moreover the valet, Hothan, identified him after he had denied knowing Hothan.

He has declared that he never heard of Rueckert until he read of his death after leaving Hoboken. A pawbroker who has identified the pistol with which the murder is supposed to have been committed as one he sold was taken to see Schlager, but said at once that Schlager was never in his shop.

FLEET SAILS FOR MANOEUVRES.

The Atlantic fleet, minus the battleship Oklahoma and six destroyers ordered to the Gulf because of the revolution in Mexico, left anchorage in the North River yesterday and put to sea. The flagship Pennsylvania will go directly to Hampton Roads and the other vessels will carry out a programme of manoeuvres and practice runs before joining the Pennsylvania.

It is said that other ships may be detached to join the Oklahoma and the destroyers in the Gulf.

RAIL DETECTIVES ACCUSED OF THEFT

Burglary Charge Also Made Against Four Sleuths.

Four detectives employed by the New York Central Railroad were arrested yesterday on the charge of stealing \$50,000 worth of merchandise from freight cars. After first being taken to the West Side court on the accusation of burglary, they were turned over to Federal authorities and held in \$2,500 bail each for a hearing May 21.

Other railroad detectives under Chief E. J. Miles arrested the men, who are Andrew Matutus, 21; Douglas Pratt, 29; Harold C. White, 29; and William J. Cuddihy, 25, all of New York. It is alleged that the prisoners made their raids on cars in the Sixtieth street and North River yards of the company at night and sold such articles of clothing as they found to foreigners living along the waterfront. They were first suspected when they were seen wearing clothes similar to those missing.

PERU CHIEF JUSTICE HERE.

Dr. Ismael Portal is Seeking Material for a Book.

Dr. Ismael Portal of Lima, Chief Justice of the Peruvian High Claims Court and for more than thirty years a writer for El Comercio, the oldest daily newspaper in Peru, is at the Hotel McAlpin, and will spend a month in New York gathering material for his forthcoming book on the United States. He will devote special attention to the study of American universities, libraries and newspapers and brings with him the greetings of the principal Peruvian publications.

Dr. Portal went to Washington, where he was a guest at the Peruvian Embassy, to attend the meeting of the American Society of International Law. Upon arriving there he found the meeting had been postponed until October. He will return home and make a second trip here in the autumn.

This is Dr. Portal's first visit to New York, and he said yesterday he was tremendously impressed with the "culture, progress and greatness of the United States in everything."



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Our position, our wages and the prices charged in barber shops may have no great public importance. But it is of vital importance, if the public's campaign against high costs is to be successful, that wage earners and employers alike should realize that in this world crisis relief will come only through moderation in demands for wages as well as for profits—and act accordingly.

If we are the first labor organization to take this position publicly, we are glad and proud to assume the leadership, in the hope that this may prove to be the beginning of an effective movement to advance a great public cause.

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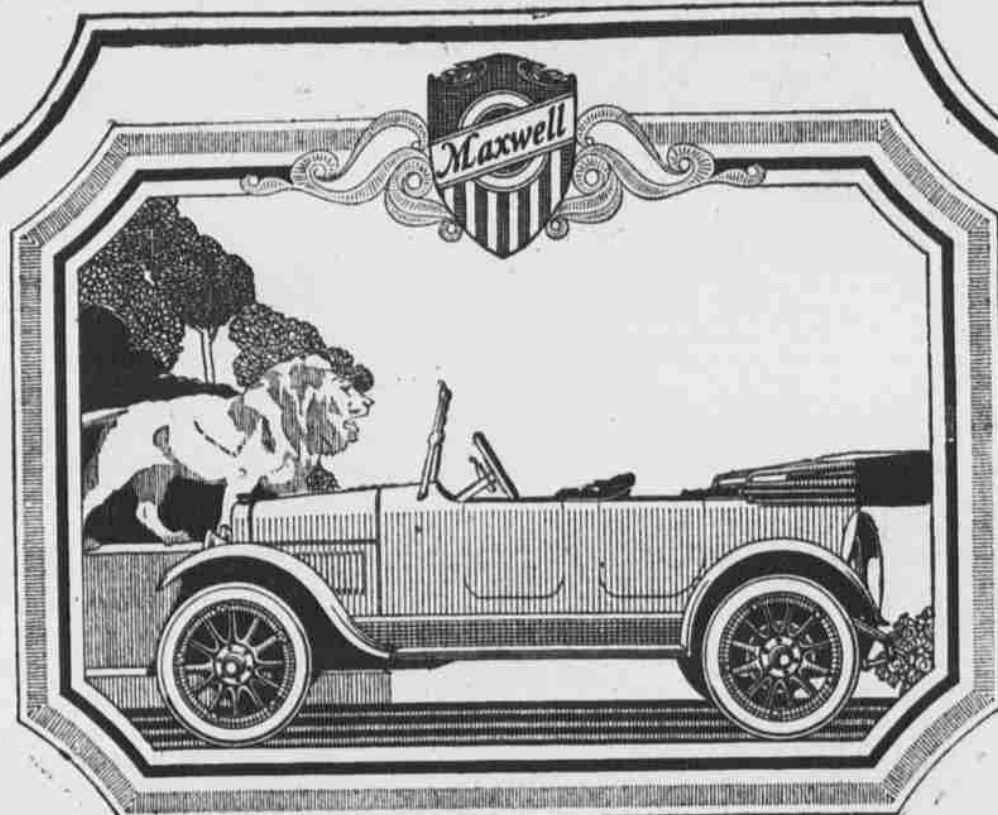
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